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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for November 20th, 2008 was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Ted Coffman, Program Assistant Dale Grose, Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Office Assistant Janie Alt,. Absent was Board member Charlie Gilman.

John made motion to approve the September 11th, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Betty seconded. Ted sustained. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program: October 27th Margie met with Jeannie Caddy, Big Hole Watershed Coordinator & Becky Kington, MWCA Executive Director to discuss an educational grant that would be directed towards fishing guides & fisherman on the Big Hole. Margie had asked the Board if they would be willing to consider sponsoring this project. On November. 5th Margie met with Marni Thompson, Ann Schwend & Melissa Griffiths to discuss their educational grant application for "Cows eating Weeds". Margie & Janie attended the SW Area Counsil meeting on November 12th. Items discussed were Commissioners/Weed Board trainings, to be held February 3-4, at the Hampton Inn, Butte, Commercial Applicator training, Butte Silver Bow will be hosting the training this year on April 7, the SW Area newsletter, Counsil members voted to keep it to 2 issues a year. Other items discussed were the NW Power-line proposal & the listing of Russian Olive. November 18 & 19 Margie & Janie attended the Fall MWCA Board meeting to vote on award recipients and to start pulling the awards ceremony together that will be held in Billings January 13 -15 at the Crown Royal Plaza..

<u>Personnel</u>: Office assistant is back to 3 days/per week. Program Assistant will be staying on full time to get Alder facility ready. Ranada Petersen will be on call in the case Dale needs some assistance.

<u>Alder Facility:</u> Dale Gross, Program Assistant received 2 quotes from engineering firms to oversee the project for the old road shop. Ted moved to accept the bid from Goff Architecture, LTD. John 2nd. All voted aye. Motioned carried.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

<u>Weed Management Plans:</u> Ted made motion to accept Weed Management Plans for Schelhammer, M. Osvold Daskenitz, L. Osvold, Landon, Tansley, Garrett & one subdivision WMP was approved for Moss. John seconded, all voted aye. Motion carried. WMP for Walker was not approved.

Grants: Finishing up budget sheets for finals on the Vigilante, Norwegian/S. Willow Cr & Madison grants. Margie will be going back to the Trust Fund Counsil to ask for \$10,000 for Vigilante, & \$18,000 for Norwegian/S.Willow Cr.

Margie will be meeting with Melissa Griffiths, MVRG on November 25th to help her on the Madison grant. Melissa will be going to the Trust Fund Counsil to ask them for \$75,000 again to fund the Madison River project.

Budget: 2840 acct. - \$50.371.00 **2140 acct.** \$222,376.00

Other New Business None

Meeting adjourned at: 2:24

Next meeting will be December 18th @ 1:30p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Assistant